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To the best of Applicants knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,379,347 and 5,241,383 and foreign patents KR 98-153966 and EP 0 300 775A were all cited in a International Search Report mailed April 14, 2001 by the Korean Industrial Property Office in PCT/KR99/00827. The remaining two references were cited in the specification at page 13. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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